

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

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**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
CONTINUING COMPETENCY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 30, 2007

Department of Consumer Affairs
Physical Therapy Board of California
1418 Howe Avenue, Suite 16
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*Wednesday, May 30, 2007***1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Marty Jewell, PT – Chairperson
Debra Alviso, PT
Don Chu, PT
Rick Katz, PT
Adele Levine
Brad Stockert, PT
Luis Williams, PTA

Chairperson Jewell called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. All members were present and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of April 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Jewell identified a typographical error on page 2 to be corrected. Moved by Ms. Levine, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the January 26, 2007 meeting minutes as written after correction of the error. Vote: 7-0 Motion carried.

3. Discussion of the Components of the Continuing Competency Program.

The task force discussed whether there should be different continuing competency requirements for physical therapists than physical therapist assistants.

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Stockert to adopt into regulation a minimum of 30 contact hours to satisfy the continuing competency requirement for licensure renewal of both physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Levine wanted to reaffirm that continuing competency requirements do not exceed the scope of practice for physical therapist assistants. Mr. Hartzell replied that the scope of practice is set in statute. Mr. Heppler suggested the minutes reflect that courses do not supersede statutory limitations.

The task force then discussed waiver qualifiers from the competency requirements for military, retired, illness, etc. and determined there should be language allowing for inactive status and how to make up competency requirements at the time the licensee moves back to active status.

Moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Ms. Levine to establish waivers from the competency requirements for those who meet specific criteria. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Heppler, legal counsel, was charged with researching options and developing proposed language for consideration at the next task force meeting.

The task force continued to discuss education vs. non-education alternatives to satisfy competency requirements; establishment of specific course or course content requirements and limitations on repeated courses; implementation issues, such as licensee documentation, proof of compliance and the preparation of development plans and procedures; and compliance audit processes and procedures.

The task force identified assignments for its members. Mr. Chu and Mr. Williams agreed to explore post academic achievements for satisfying competency requirements, Ms. Alviso and Ms. Jewell will research examination options for determining competency and Mr. Stockert and Mr. Katz will review options for self-assessment, self-study, portfolio review and examination item writing as additional pathways for demonstrating competency. Each assignment will be forwarded to board staff prior to the next task force meeting. The task force scheduled their next meeting for August 22, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

4. Development of Proposed Regulations to Implement the Continuing Competency Program

Legal counsel will present language for consideration by the task force at the next meeting, addressing waiver qualifiers and process for reinstatement of active status.

5. Public Comment

The public expressed gratitude for the opportunity to actively participate in the meetings of the task force.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Jewell, seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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